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AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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SUBJECT: SOJI WILLIAMS, NEW NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE NETHER-  
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REF: LAGOS A-24

1. EMBASSY HAS NOTHING NEW TO ADD TO LAGOS A-244 OF OCTOBER 26,  
1973 REGARDING NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO NETHERLANDS SOJI WILLIAMS.

2. WILLIAMS WAS BORN IN 1922 IN LAGOS. HE SPENT 18 YEARS IN  
UK, SERVED AS BOMBER PILOT IN REF DURING WWII, TOOK DEGREES IN  
ECONOMICS FROM SOUTHAMPTON AND MANCHESTER UNIVERSITIES AND  
STUDIED AT CAMBRIDGE. HE WAS DIPLOMATIC TRAINEE IN BRITISH  
FOREIGN SERVICE, STATIONED IN BONN, PARIS AND YAOUNDE, WHERE  
HE BECAME FIRST SECRETARY OF NIGERIAN EMBASSY AT INDEPENDENCE.  
HE HAS SINCE SERVED AS AMBASSADOR/HIGH COMMISSIONER TO LIBERIA,  
TANZANIA, POLAND (WITH CONCURRENT ACCREDITATIONS) AND MOST  
RECENTLY INDIA. HE HAS ALSO BEEN DEPUTY PERMANENT SECRETARY  
OF MEA.

3. WILLIAMS WIFE MARY IS BRITISH. THEY HAVE SEVERAL CHILDREN.  
CHIEF ROTIMI WILLIAMS, PROMINENT LAGOS ATTORNEY AND CHAIRMAN  
OF NIGERIAN CONSTITUTION DRAFTING COMMITTEE, IS AMBASSADOR'S  
BROTHER. WILLIAMS IS PERSONALLY FRIENDLY WITH AMERICANS IN  
SPITE OF DIFFERENCES OVER POLICY. HIS POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY:

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"IT IS POWER, NOT OPINION, THAT COUNTS."

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